

REMARKS

Claims 16-32 and 34-45 are pending with claims 16, 21, 26, 34, 38 and 42 being independent. Claims 16-21, 25, 26, 29-32, 34-38 and 41-45 have been amended. Support for the amendments may be found in the application at, for example, page 3, lines 10-25 and page 6, lines 10-16. No new matter has been introduced.

Claims 16, 17, 20, 26-29, 32, 34, 35, 37, 42, 43 and 45 have been rejected as being anticipated by Miyawaki (U.S. Patent No. 5,717,473). Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Miyawaki does not describe or suggest a transistor comprising a plurality of semiconductor islands, each of which has a planar area of 1000 μm^2 or less, as recited in each of amended independent claims 16, 26, 34 and 42.

Claims 21-25, 38, 39-41 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Yamazaki (U.S. Patent No. 6,198,133) in view of Miyawaki. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Yamazaki, like Miyawaki, does not describe or suggest a transistor comprising a plurality of semiconductor islands, each of which has a planar area of 1000 μm^2 or less, as recited in each of amended independent claims 21 and 38. Since neither Yamazaki nor Miyawaki describes or suggest such a transistor, no proper combination of the two would do so. Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Dependent claims 18, 19, 30, 31, 36 and 44 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Miyawaki in view of Yamazaki. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because, as noted above, neither Miyawaki, Yamazaki, nor any proper combination of the two describes or suggests the subject matter of the independent claims.

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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The fee in the amount of \$450 for the two-month extension of time is being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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